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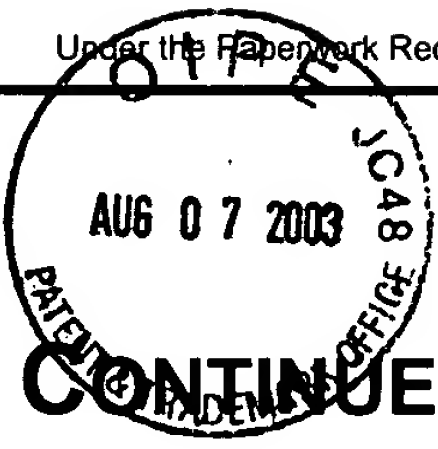
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/902,594
Filing Date	July 12, 2001 #13/RC
First Named Inventor	Tsuyoshi Shibata Ann
Group Art Unit	2853 8/13/03
Examiner Name	Leonard S. Liang
Attorney Docket Number	00862.022293

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply 08/08/2003 EFLORES 00000039 09902594
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:1801
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) 750.00 OP
- iv. ☐ Other _____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☒ Other Check for \$84.00 for additional claims

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☒ Other Additional claims fee
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 750.00 is enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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In re Application of:

TSUYOSHI SHIBATA

Docket No.: 00862.022293

Application No.: 09/902,594

Filed: July 12, 2001

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Examiner: L. Liang

Group Art Unit: 2853

For: INK-JET PRINTING APPARATUS AND
METHOD, AND COMPUTER READABLE
MEMORY

Date: August 7, 2003

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

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	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	18	MINUS	20	= 0	x \$ 9 \$18	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	3	= 1	x \$42 \$84	\$84.00
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☐ °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

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Respectfully submitted,


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to
amend the above-identified application as follows.

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